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FROM USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE
SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE: EFFORT TO PROVIDE FOR MORE OPEN
MEETINGS

1. DURING A RECENT NATO CAUCUS DEALING WITH TACTICS FOR
RESPONDING TO THE JULY 7 NNA COMPROMISE NON-PAPER
(BELGRADE 4597) WE PROPOSED THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO
PROVIDE FOR MORE OPEN MEETINGS DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE
PART OF THE MAIN MEETING. ALLIES SAID THEY COULD SEE
NO ADVANTAGE IN HAVING MORE OPEN MEETINGS. IN FACT
ALLIES WERE CLEARLY OPPOSED TO A PROVISION FOR MORE OPEN
MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTA-
TION IS LESS LIKELY TO LEAD TO A POLEMICAL CONFRONTATION
IF IT IS CONDUCTED PRIVATELY. ALLIES ALSO BELIEVE
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THAT ADVOCATING MORE OPEN MEETINGS WOULD UNDERCUT THE
ARGUMENT THAT PRESENTATION BY THE
MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MADE IN CLOSED MEETINGS.
HAVING SUCH PRESENTATIONS IN PUBLIC SESSIONS WOULD, THEY
BELIEVE, COMPLICATE THE MED PROBLEM FURTHER BY MAKING IT
LIKELY THAT SOME PARTICIPATING STATES WOULD FEEL OBLIGED
TO REACT TO MED COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS MORE SHARPLY THAN

THE WOULD IN CLOSED MEETINGS.

2. OUR ALLIES ARE CERTAIN THAT THE WARSAW PACT WOULD
OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL OPEN MEETINGS. THEY
DO NOT SEE SUFFICIENT BENEFIT DERIVING FROM AN ATTEMPT
TO SECURE MORE OPEN MEETINGS TO OFFSET THE DISRUPTION
SUCH A MOVE WOULD CAUSE. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE
THE MAXIMUM SENSIBLE EFFORT IN THE DIRECTION OF MORE
OPEN MEETINGS, AND THAT FURTHER SUCH EFFORTS WOULD
ANTAGONIZE OUR ALLIES FOR NO PURPOSE. FOR THESE REASONS
WE PLAN NO FURTHER EFFORTS OF THIS KIND.
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